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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1832

C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 4869

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR FUNDS AUTHORIZATION

REF: -) BANGKOK 3704 B) BANGKOK 3984 C) BANGKOK 4264

D) STATE 53010 E) STATE 55188

1. REF (A) REPORTED NEED PROVIDE THAI POLICE BODYGUARD PROTECTION FOR AMBASSADOR AND TO INCREASE POLICE COVERAGE OF OFFICIAL RESIDENCE TO 24 HOURS PER DAY.
2. REF (B) ITEMIZED PROTECTIVE SECURITY SAFEGUARDS FOR WHICH EMBASSY WAS ABSORBING COSTS WITHIN AVAILABLE FUNDING AND ALERTED DEPRATMENT PROBABLE NEED TO PAY FOR POLICE PROTECTION FOR WHICH EMBASSY WITHOUT FUNDS.
3. EMBASSY RECENTLY ADVISED THAT THAI POLICE PROTECTION BEING WITHDRAWN FROM CHANCERY AND OFFICIAL RESIDENCE-- REPORTED REF (C).
4. IN VIEW INFORMATION CONTAINED REF (D) AND (E) ONLY POSSIBILITY REPEAT POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING ADEQUATE POLICE PROTECTION IS FOR EMBASSY TO PAY POLICE GUARD COSTS.
5. USE OF QUASI- OFFICIAL SECURITY FORCE OF EX- SERVICE MEN CONSIDERED LESS THAN SATISFACTORY IN PROVIDING BODYGUARD PROTECTION OF OFFICIAL RESIDENCE AND CHANCERY. EMBASSY PROPOSES MAKING FOLLOWING OFFER THAI NATIONAL POLICE-- EMBASSY INSTEAD OF REIMBURSING NATIONAL POLICE FOR COST OF QUASI- OFFICIAL POLICE FORCE WOULD REIMBURSE NATIONAL POLICE COMPARABLE AMOUNT FOR USE OF POLICE TO PROVIDE
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NEEDED PROTECTION.

6. ESTIMATED COST OF OBTAINING NECESSARY POLICE PROTECTION IN
FY 1973 (3 MONTHS) 2250 DOLLARS. PER ANNUM COSTS IN FY 1974: 9000
DOLLARS.

7. REQUENG AGREEMENT AGAIN NOT
RE- NEGOTIATED. BUDIMOVSKI REPLIED, " YOU CAN SEE THAT MAIN SUBJECT
OF NEGOTIATIONS WAS RECIPROCITY*" IN EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH
PAO BEFORE RETURN OF TEAM, HE HAD PREDICTED NO AGREEMENT DUE
REFUSAL SOVIETS GRANT RECIPROCITY FOR ACTIVE " HOUSE OF SOVIET
CULTURE" IN BELGRADE. SAID SOVIETS NOW WANTED CENTER IN ZAGRED
AND, ALTHOUGH HE COULD NOT CLOSE DOWN BELGRADE CENTER WHICH
DATED BACK WWII, HE COULD PREVENT NEW ZAGREB CENTER UNLESS
RECIPROCITY GRANTED FOR YUGOSLAV CENTER IN MOSCOW. HUMO ADDED,
ALTHOUGH INFORMATION AGREEMENT NOT CONCLUDED, " UNDERSTANDING"
WAS REACHED TO INCREASE INFORMATION EXCHANGES IN CERTAIN AREAS
ON BASIS RECIPROCITY. TANJUG ALSO STATE S " ACCORD WAS REACHED
FOR CONTACTS... TO BE RESUMED WITH AIM OF EXPANDING THIS COOPER-
ATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIGH- LEVEL OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS BET-
WEEN TWO COUNTRIES."

4. BUDIMOVSKI AND HUMO THEN RENEWED LINE ADVANCED IN PAST; I. E.,
CONCLUSION OF AN INFORMATION AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES
WOULD ASSIST THEM IN PUTTING PRESSURE ON SOVIETS TO RE- CONCLUDE
NOW- DEFUNCT AGREEMENT. AS IN PAST, HE CLAIMED SOVIET AVOID
PRESSURE RENEGOTIATE AGREEMENT BY CITING LACK OF AGREEMENT WITH
US. AT MEETING A FEW DAYS EARLIER, BUDIMOVSKI HAD CLAIMED THAT
DURING VISIT OF SECRETARY ROGERS LAST SUMMER A MEMBER OF HIS
PARTY HAD LISTENED SYMPATHETICALLY TO YUGOSLAV PITCH FOR CON-
CLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT AND HAD ENCOURAGED THEIR BELIEF THAT AN
AGREEMENT MIGHT BE CONCLUDED.

5. PAO REPLIED BY OBSERVING THAT AGREEMENTS WERE NOT US PATTERN
AND THAT WE CONSIDERED THEM AS TENDING TO LIMIT RATHER THAN TO
FACILITATE EXCHANGES WITH COUNTRIES WITH WHICH WE HAVE NORMAL
RELATIONS. BUDIMOVSKI ASSURED THAT, SINCE THERE WAS NO PROBLEM
OF RECIPROCITY WITH US, SUCH AN AGREEMENT WOULD NOT " LIMIT" BUT
MERELY " REGULATE" US- YUGOSLAV INFORMATION EXCHANGES.

6. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THERE IS LITTLE TO BE GAINED
BY CONCLUDING INFORMATION AGREEMENT.
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